

FIRST ISSUE!



GUY GARDNER

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HE'S BACK!
THE ONE,
THE ONLY...

GUY GARDNER

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FIRST
ISSUE
ACTION!



NOW HE'S
TOUGHER
THAN EVER!

SH-BOOM

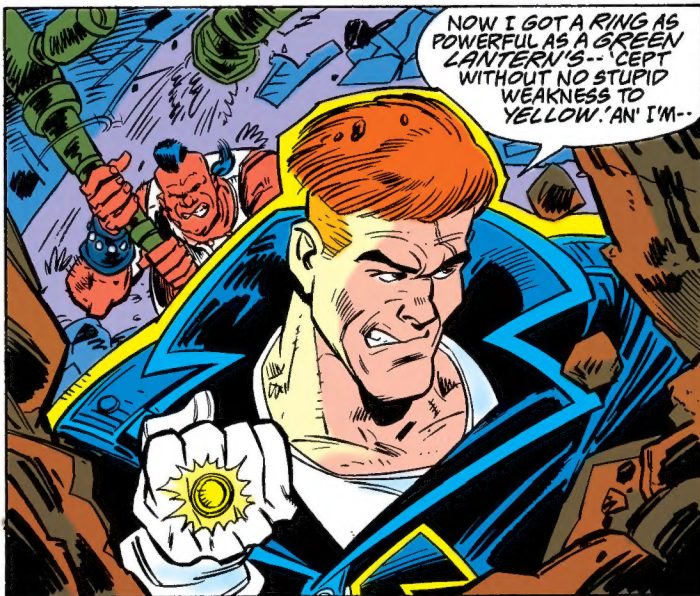
LIFE IS A
DREAM!

FREEDOM...
POWER...
RESPECT...
AN' THEY'RE
ALL MINE!

THEY'RE
FINALLY ALL
MINE.

A NEW GUY IN TOWN

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AN' I'M
GONNA
CLEAN UP
NEW YORK--
MY WAY.

OMG OMG OMG

NO MORE GIANT
BULLDOZERS AN'
ICE TONGS AN'
FEATHER DUSTERS
FOR ME.

THE NEW
GUY GARDNER
DOES HIS CLEANIN'
THE MANLY WAY!

WITH HIS
FISTS!!

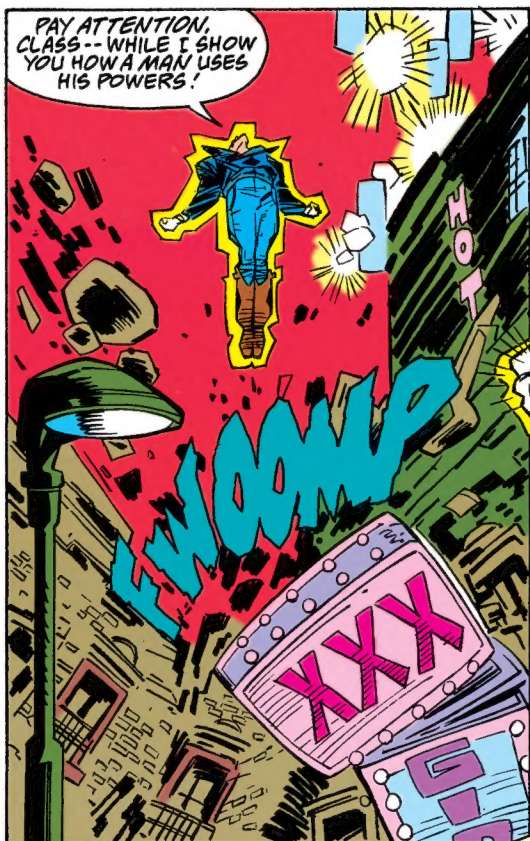
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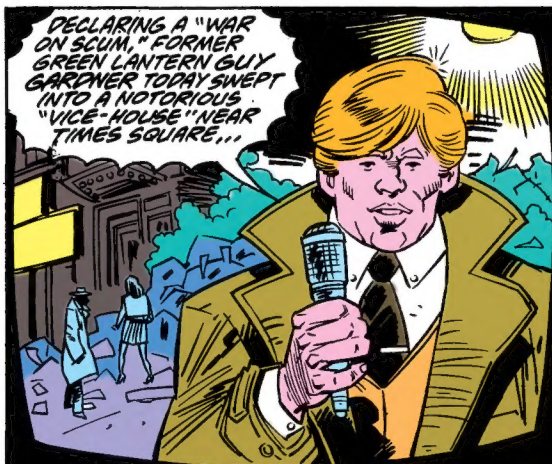
'COURSE IT
NEVER HURTS
TO ENHANCE
A FIST...

EVERYBODY
THINKS THAT
BIG BLUE BORE
SLIPPERMAN IS
THE HEAVIEST
TOE-TO-TOE
SLUGGER IN THE
WORLD.

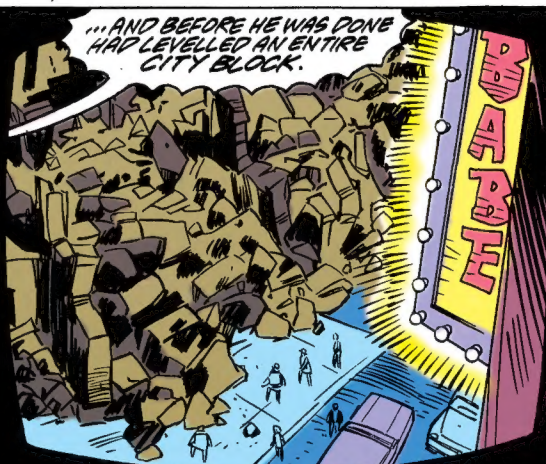
WELL, IT'S TIME
FOR PROFESSOR
GARDNER'S CRASH
COURSE IN
SUPERHEROICAL
REALITIES!

... WITH A
NICE, STEADY
THROB OF
RING-POWER!

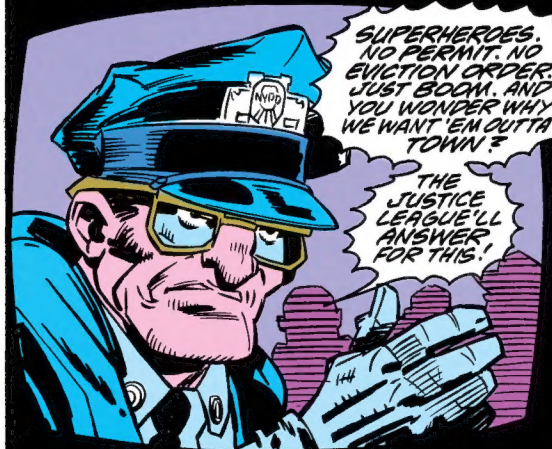




DECLARING A "WAR ON SCUM," FORMER GREEN LANTERN GUY GARDNER TODAY SWEEPED INTO A NOTORIOUS "VICE-HOUSE" NEAR TIMES SQUARE...



...AND BEFORE HE WAS DONE HAD LEVELLED AN ENTIRE CITY BLOCK.



SUPERHEROES. NO PERMIT. NO EVICTION ORDER. JUST BOOM. AND YOU WONDER WHY WE WANT 'EM OUTTA TOWN?

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE'LL ANSWER FOR THIS!



GARDNER ACTED WITH NO JUSTICE LEAGUE SANCTION. NONE. BELIEVE ME, THERE'LL BE AN INTERNAL REVIEW.



WHAT KIND OF CITY IS THIS TO LIVE IN?! WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS THIS?! HOW CAN CIVILIZED PEOPLE LIVE IN SUCH VIOLENCE?!

I'M MOVING TO NEW JERSEY!



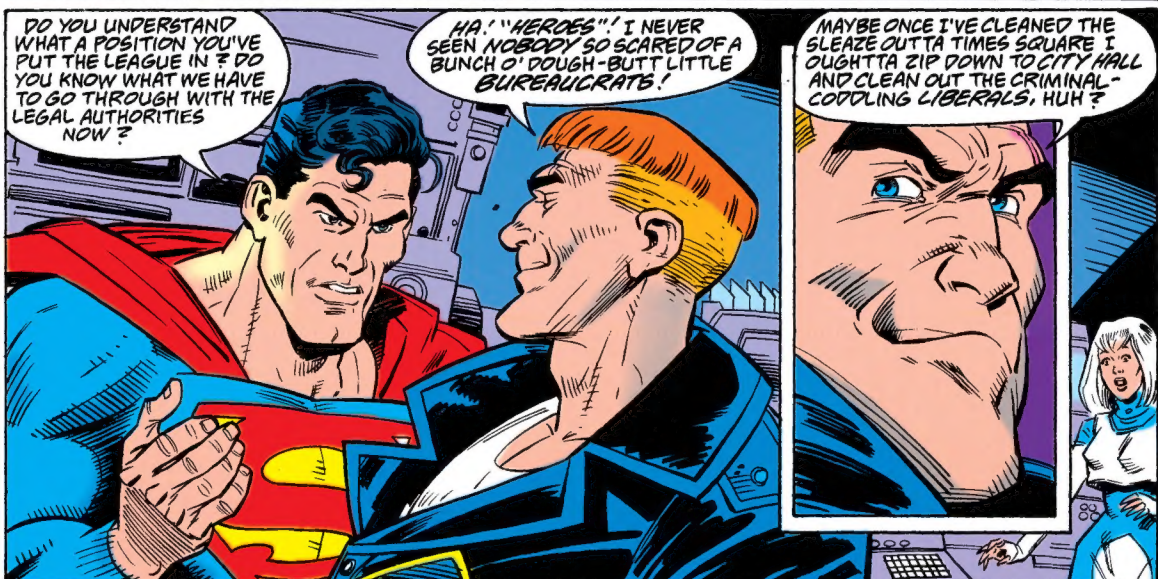
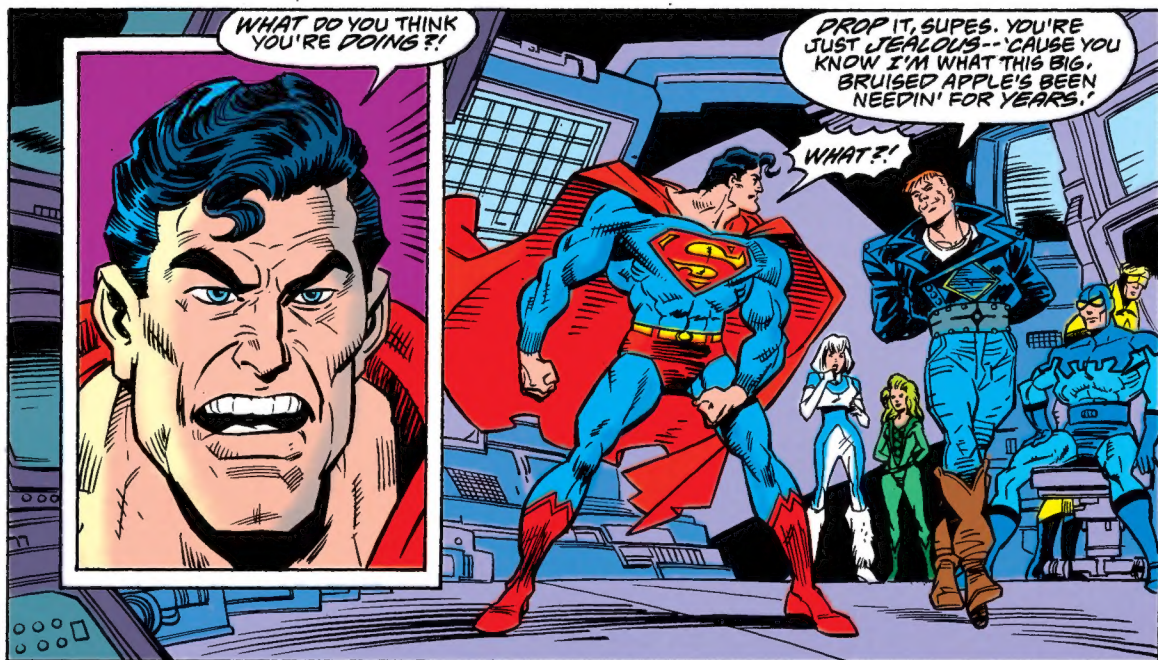
OH, BUT GOD, YOU KNOW, THAT GUY, HE WAS SO MACHO. HE WAS LIKE ALL SUPERHEROES SHOULD BE. YOU KNOW?

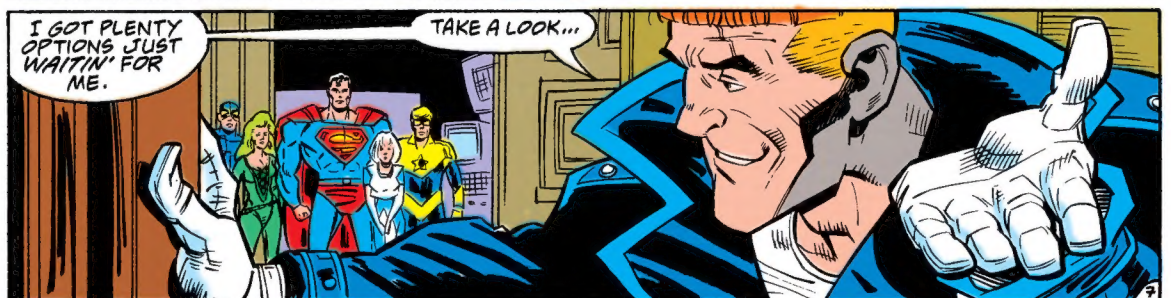
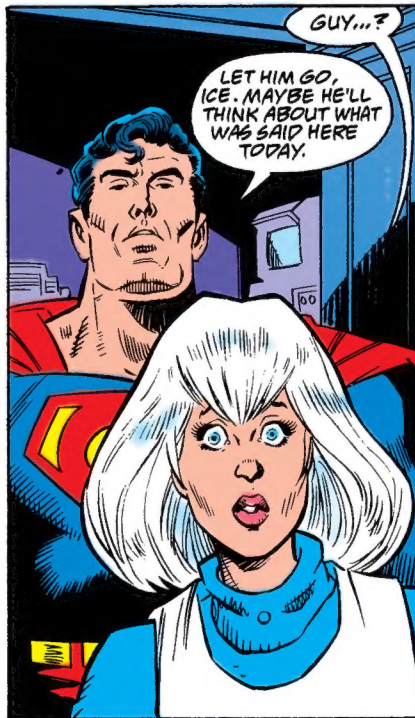
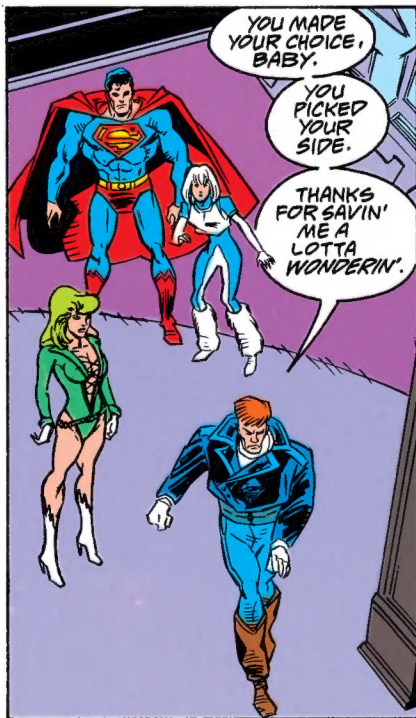
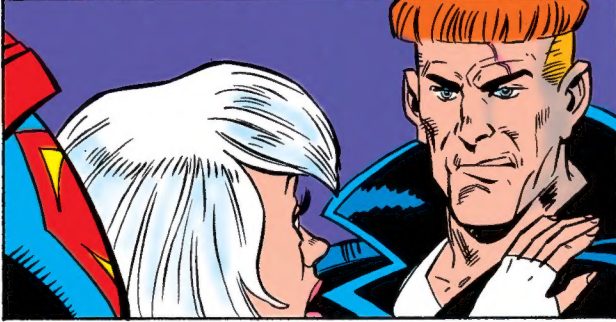


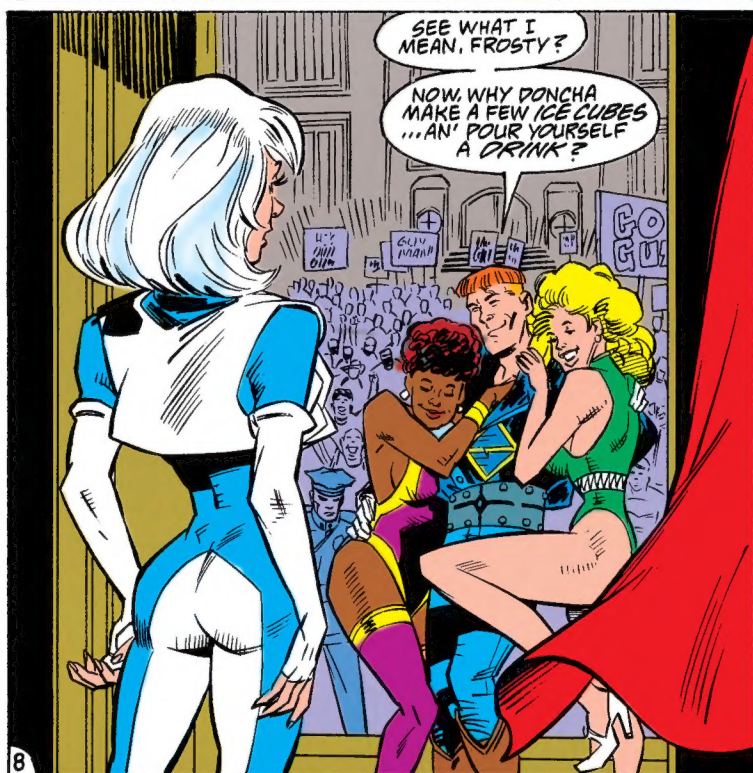
HE WAS A MAN!

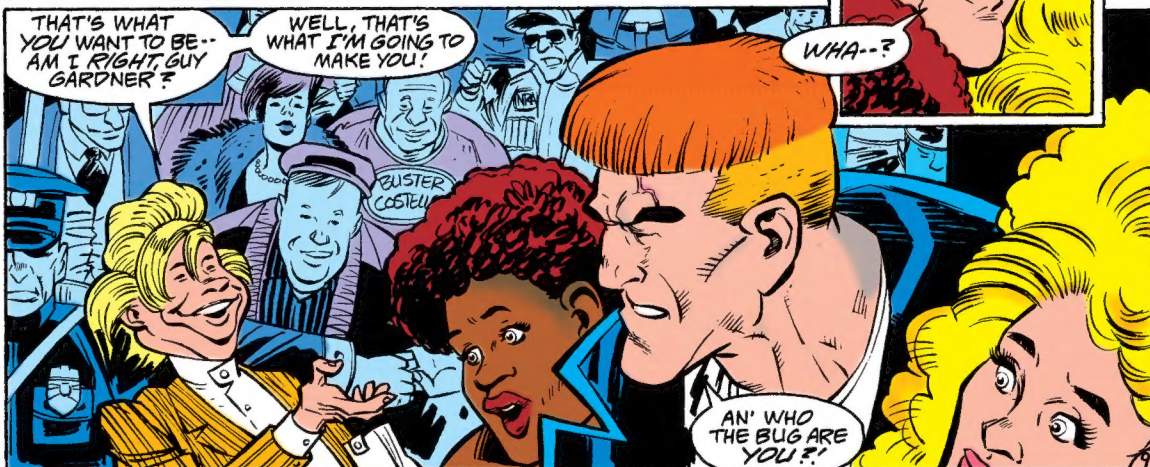
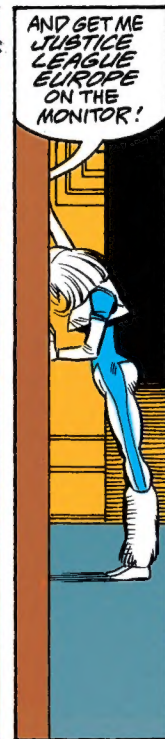
INTERESTING. YES, YES, I DARE SAY.

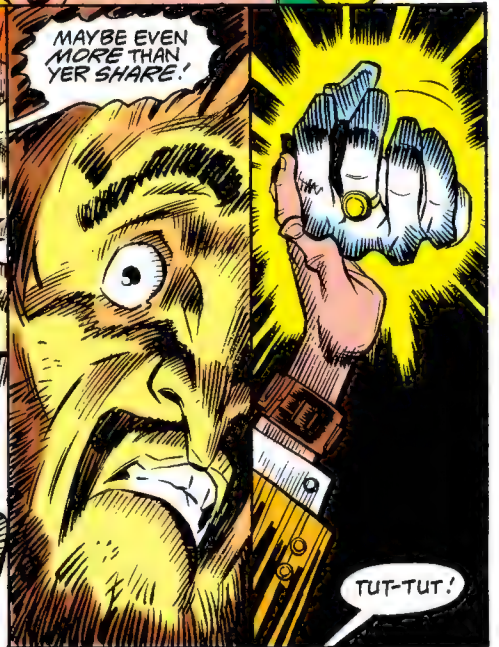
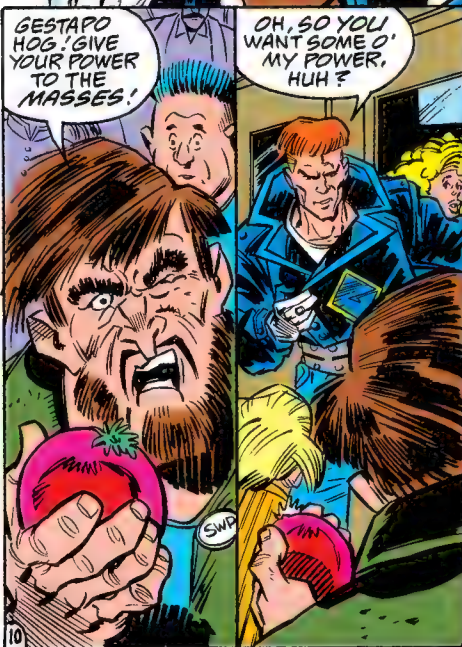
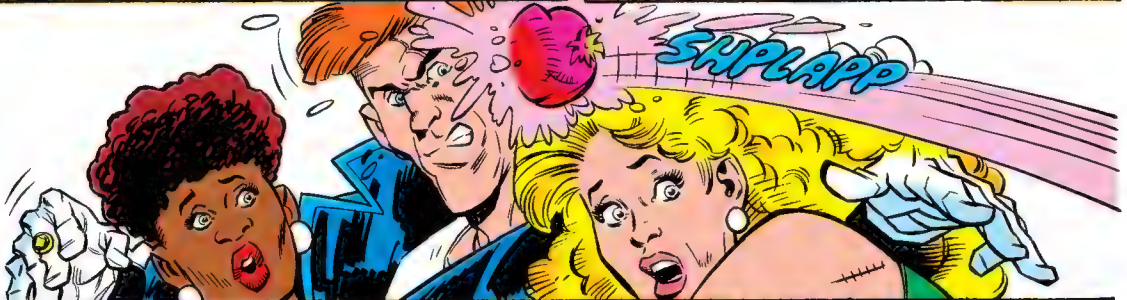
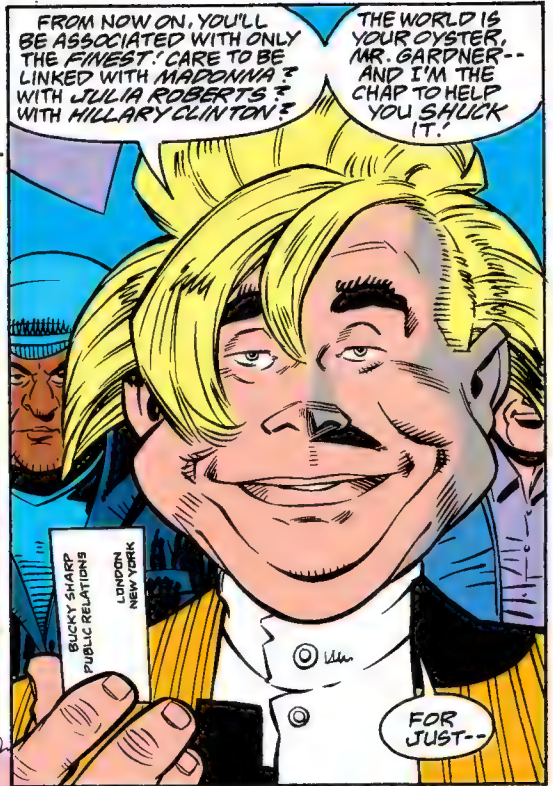
MOST INTERESTING!

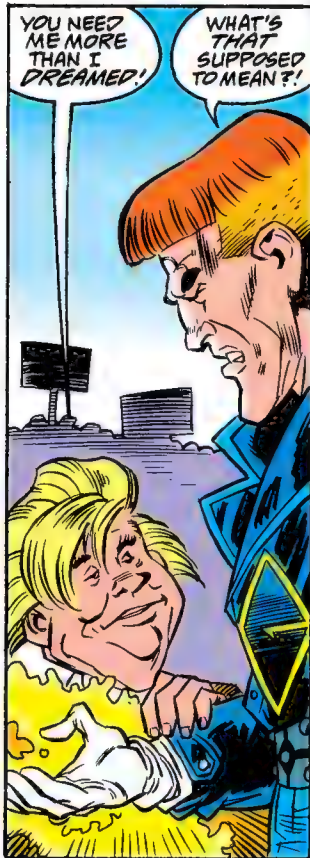






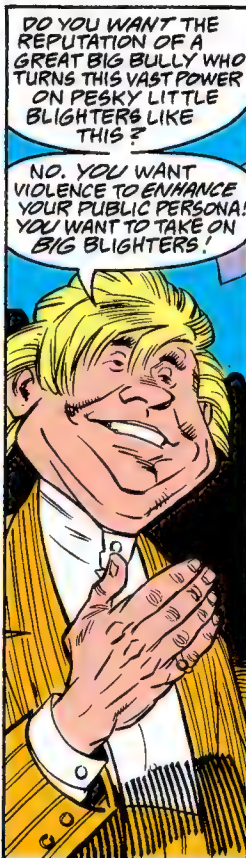






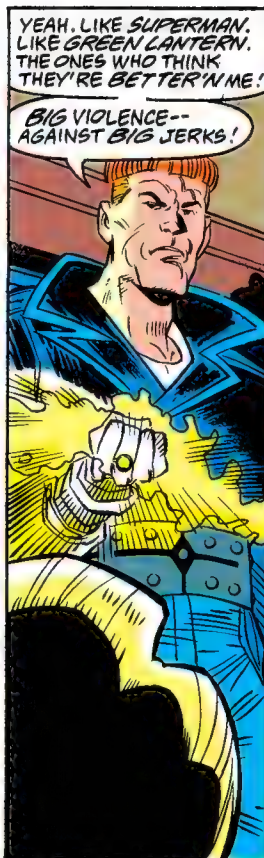
YOU NEED ME MORE THAN I DREAMED!

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!



DO YOU WANT THE REPUTATION OF A GREAT BIG BULLY WHO TURNS THIS VAST POWER ON PESKY LITTLE BLIGHTERS LIKE THIS?

NO. YOU WANT VIOLENCE TO ENHANCE YOUR PUBLIC PERSONA! YOU WANT TO TAKE ON BIG BLIGHTERS!



YEAH. LIKE SUPERMAN. LIKE GREEN LANTERN. THE ONES WHO THINK THEY'RE BETTER 'N' ME!

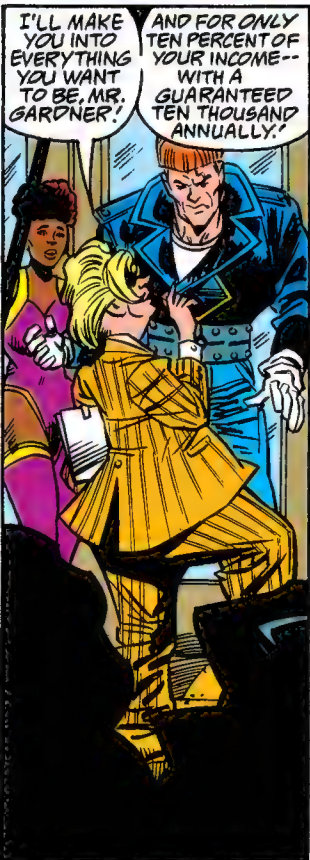
BIG VIOLENCE-- AGAINST BIG JERKS!



GARDNER VS. LANTERN-- THE GRUDGE MATCH. NOW, THAT'S A POST HEADLINE!

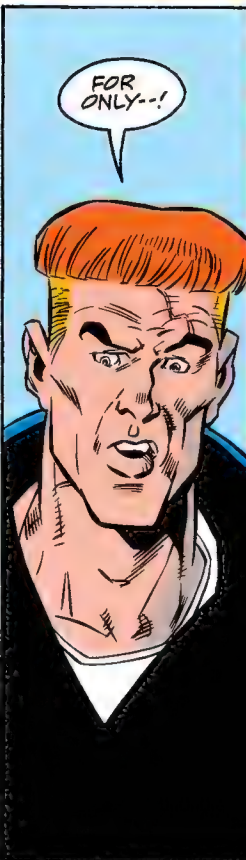
AND THEN SUPERMAN! THE WORLD'S GREATEST BOOR AGAINST THE WORLD'S GREATEST BORE!

OH, THE LITTLE KIDDIES WILL SIMPLY EAT THAT UP!

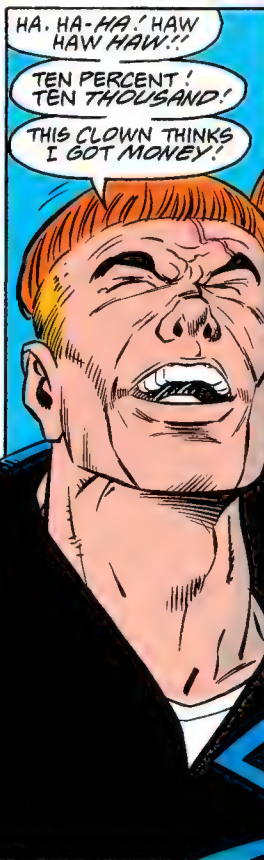


I'LL MAKE YOU INTO EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO BE, MR. GARDNER!

AND FOR ONLY TEN PERCENT OF YOUR INCOME-- WITH A GUARANTEED TEN THOUSAND ANNUALLY.



FOR ONLY--!



HA. HA-HA. 'HAW HAW HAW.!!

TEN PERCENT! TEN THOUSAND!

THIS CLOWN THINKS I GOT MONEY!



I'M A SUPERHERO, "SHARP."

SUPERHEROES AIN'T GOT NO MONEY!



YOU KNOW WHERE I LIVE & DOWN IN ALPHABET CITY. THAT'S WHERE-- IN A WALK-UP DUMP WITH A RETIRED COMIC BOOK HERO AN' A DOG!

BUT YOUR AMERICAN BASEBALL BATSMEN MAKE MILLIONS JUST BY SWINGING A STICK!

WHY DON'T YOU MAKE AT LEAST THAT FOR WIELDING THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WEAPON ON YOUR FINGER?



'CAUSE THAT AIN'T THE WAY IT'S DONE!

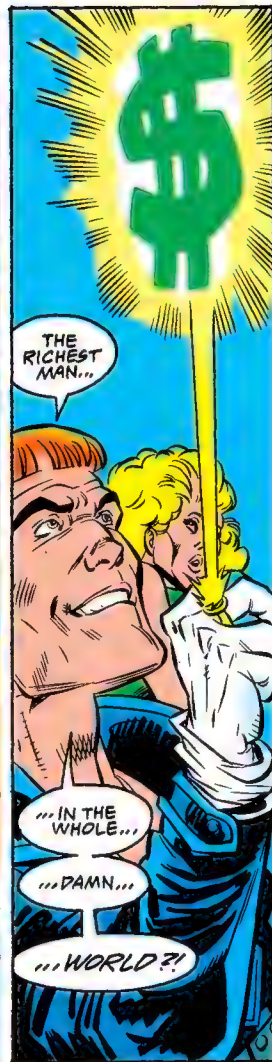
LEASTWAYS...



...NOT TILL NOW!



TRUST ME, MR. GARDNER, WITH PROFESSIONAL PLANNING, THAT RING CAN MAKE YOU THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD!

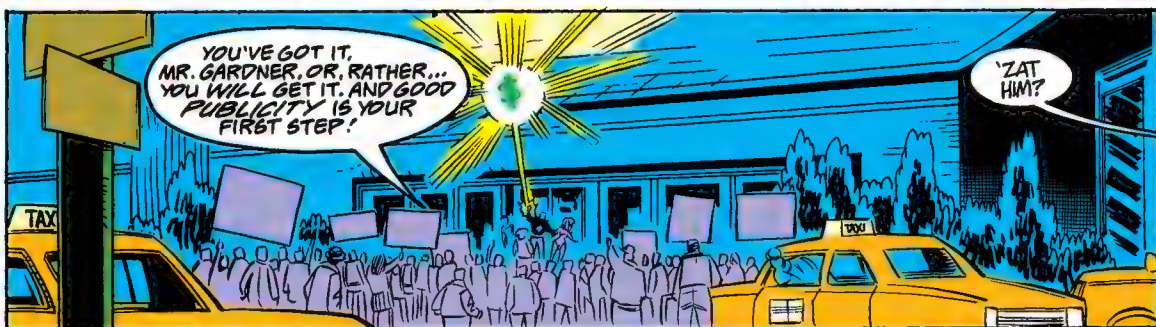


THE RICHEST MAN...

...IN THE WHOLE...

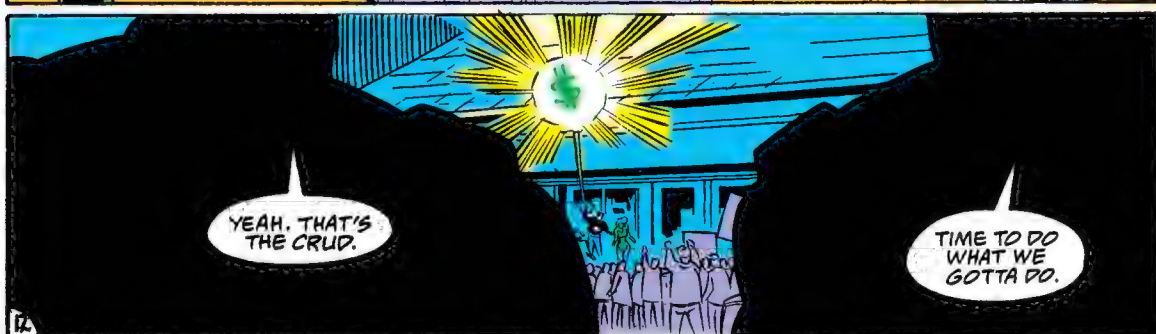
...DAMN...

...WORLD?!



YOU'VE GOT IT, MR. GARDNER, OR, RATHER... YOU WILL GET IT. AND GOOD PUBLICITY IS YOUR FIRST STEP!

'ZAT HUM?



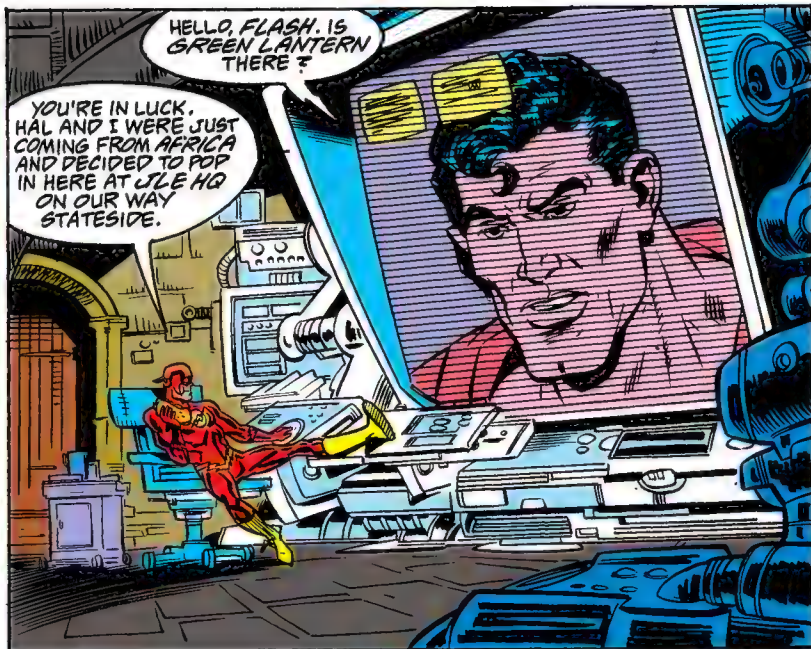
YEAH. THAT'S THE CRUD.

TIME TO DO WHAT WE GOTTA DO.



MEANWHILE,
IN LONDON...

HIYA,
SUPES!



HELLO, FLASH. IS
GREEN LANTERN
THERE?

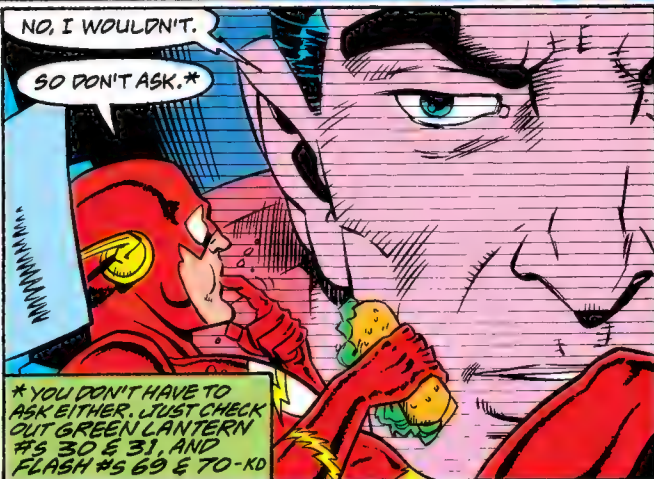
YOU'RE IN LUCK.
HAL AND I WERE JUST
COMING FROM AFRICA
AND DECIDED TO POP
IN HERE AT JLE HQ
ON OUR WAY
STATESIDE.



WHAT WAS HAPPENING
IN AFRICA?

WELL...

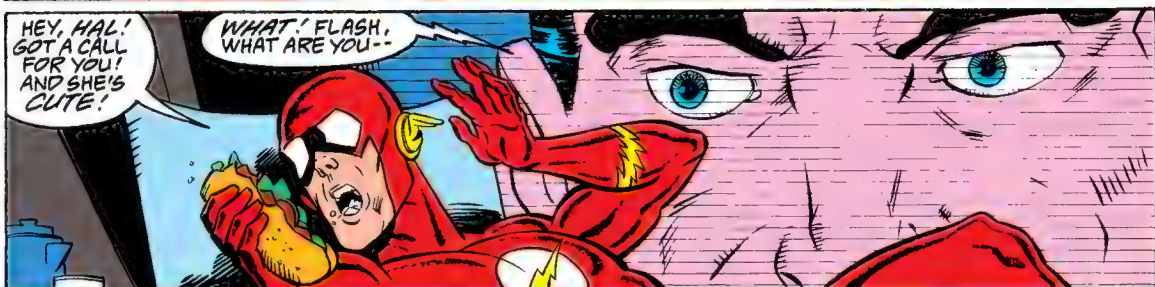
...WOULD YOU BELIEVE
I WAS TURNED INTO A
SUPER-GENIUS. HAL WAS
TURNED INTO A NEANDERTHAL,
AND WE BEAT AN ARMY OF
APES WITH THE AID OF A
TALKING DOG?



NO, I WOULDN'T.

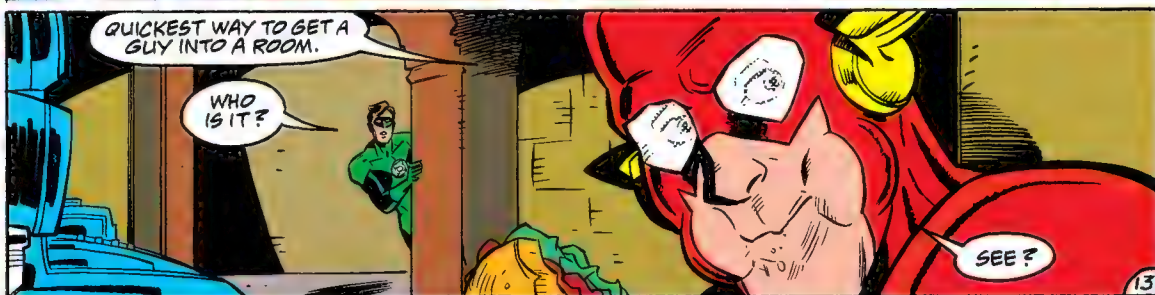
SO DON'T ASK.*

*YOU DON'T HAVE TO
ASK EITHER. JUST CHECK
OUT GREEN LANTERN
#S 30 & 31, AND
FLASH #S 69 & 70-KD



HEY, HAL!
GOT A CALL
FOR YOU!
AND SHE'S
CUTE!

WHAT! FLASH,
WHAT ARE YOU--



QUICKEST WAY TO GET A
GUY INTO A ROOM.

WHO
IS IT?

SEE?



HUH?!

SUPERMAN?!

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, HAL. BUT WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

GUY GARDNER.



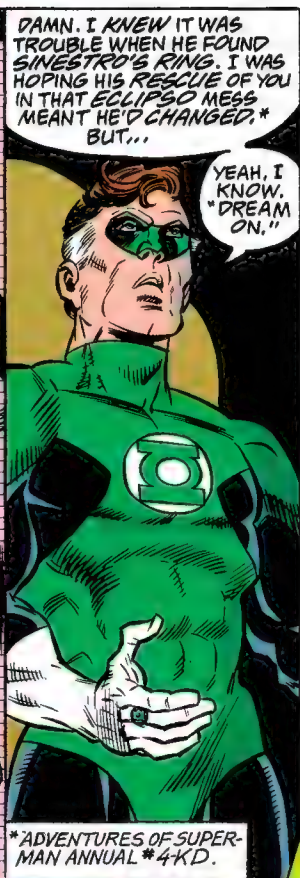
HE'S BEEN LEVELLING CITY BLOCKS IN A ONE-MAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST "SCUM."

HE ACTS AS THOUGH THE POWER OF HIS RING GIVES HIM LICENSE INSTEAD OF RESPONSIBILITY.

LICENSE TO RESHAPE THE WORLD AS HE SEES FIT. THIS COULD BECOME A NIGHTMARE FOR US ALL...



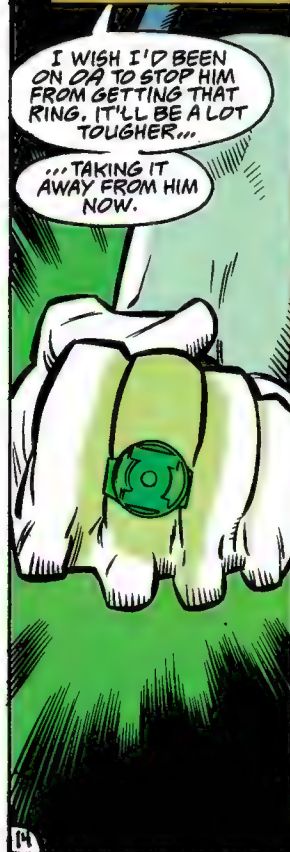
...UNLESS HE'S STOPPED.



DAMN. I KNEW IT WAS TROUBLE WHEN HE FOUND SINESTRO'S RING. I WAS Hoping HIS RESCUE OF YOU IN THAT ECLIPSE MESS MEANT HE'D CHANGED. * BUT...

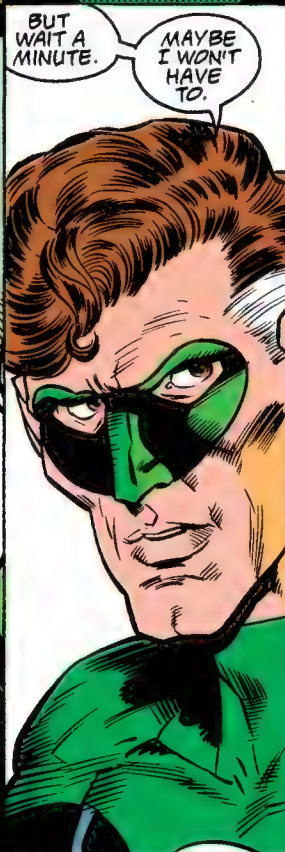
YEAH, I KNOW. "DREAM ON."

*ADVENTURES OF SUPER-MAN ANNUAL #4-KD.



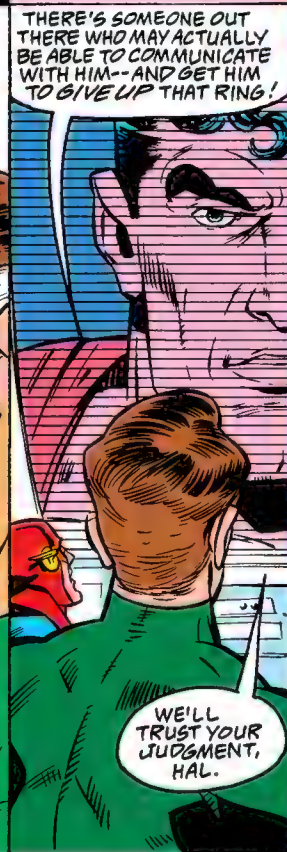
I WISH I'D BEEN ON OA TO STOP HIM FROM GETTING THAT RING. IT'LL BE A LOT TOUGHER...

...TAKING IT AWAY FROM HIM NOW.



BUT WAIT A MINUTE.

MAYBE I WON'T HAVE TO.

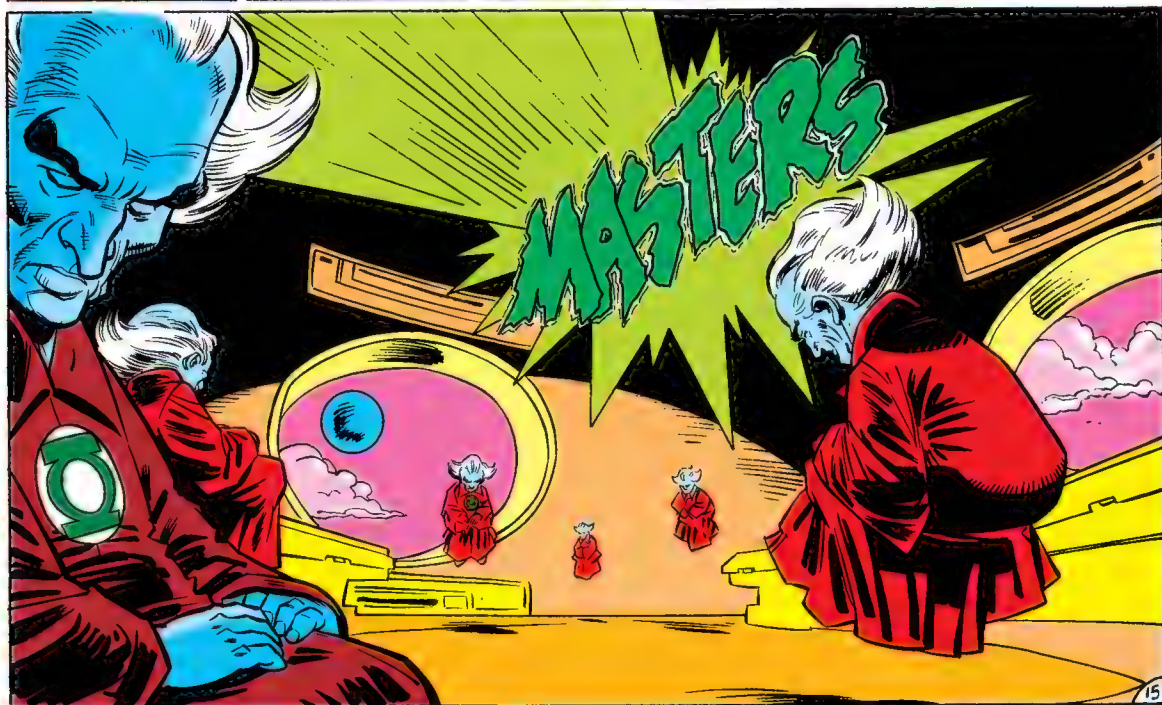


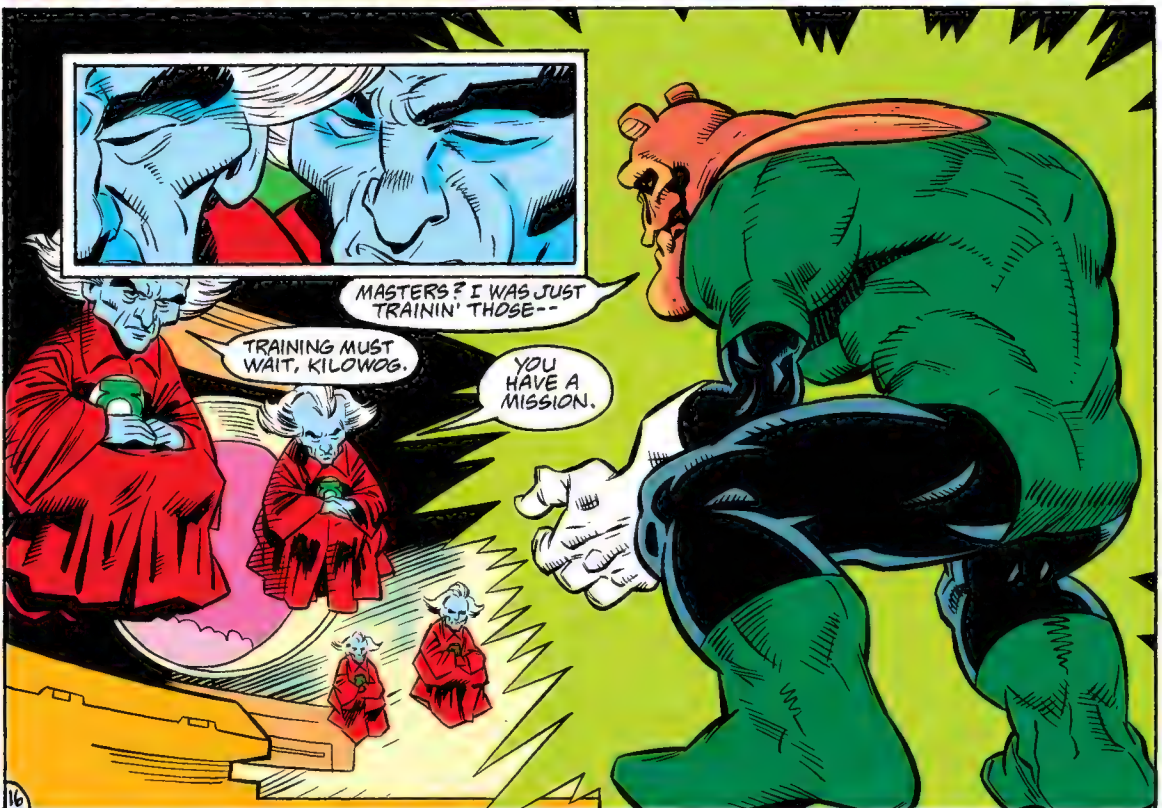
THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE WHO MAY ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM--AND GET HIM TO GIVE UP THAT RING!

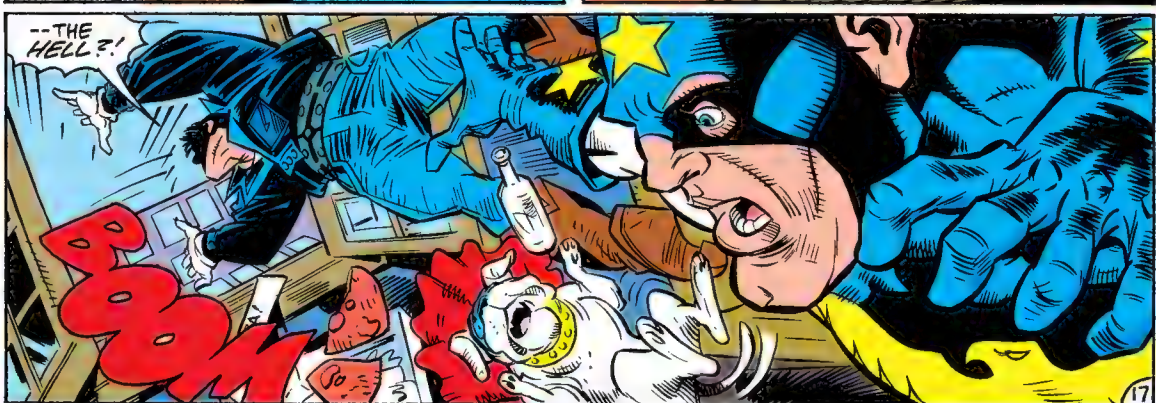
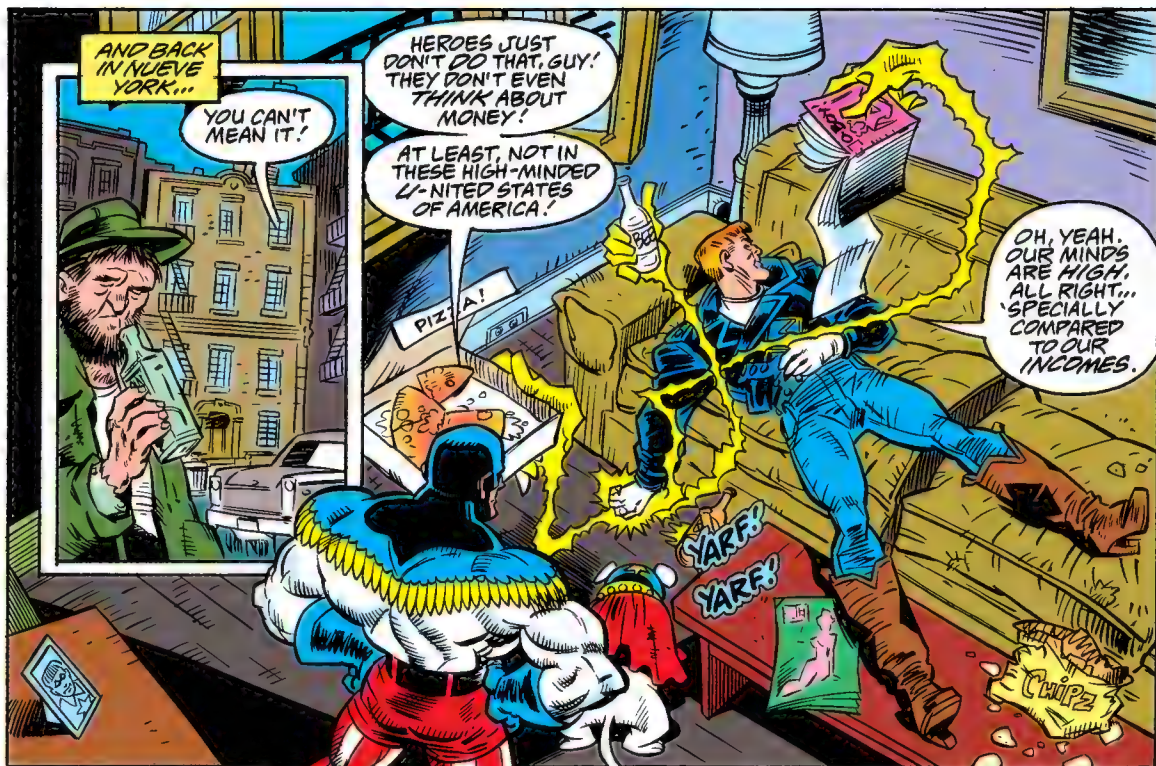
WE'LL TRUST YOUR JUDGMENT, HAL.

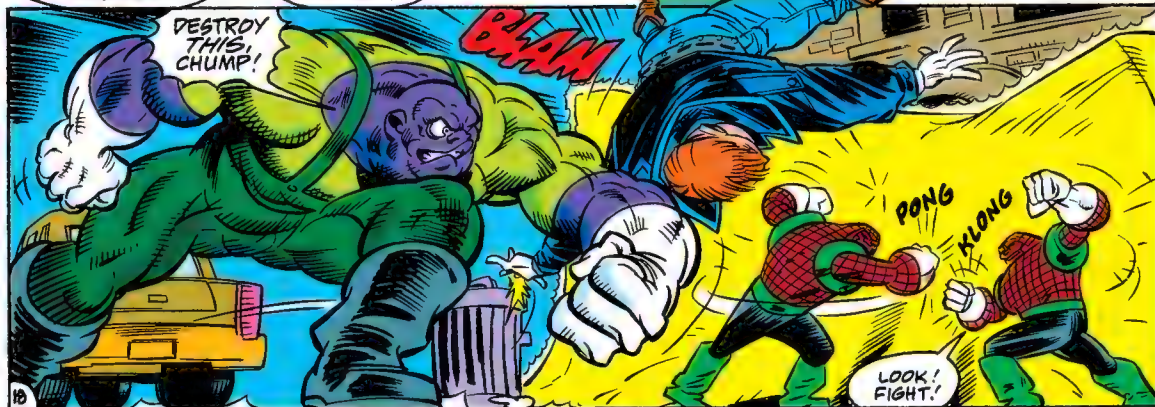
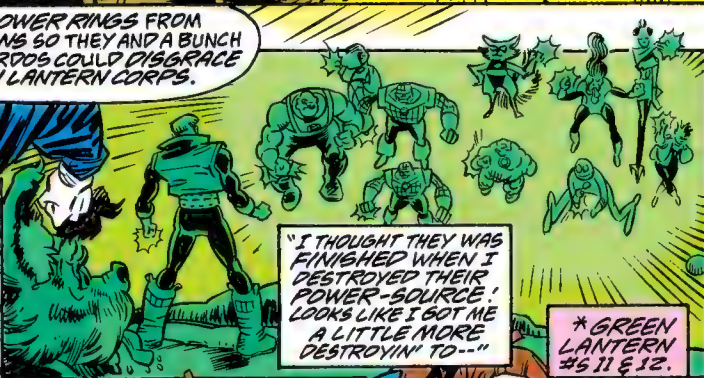
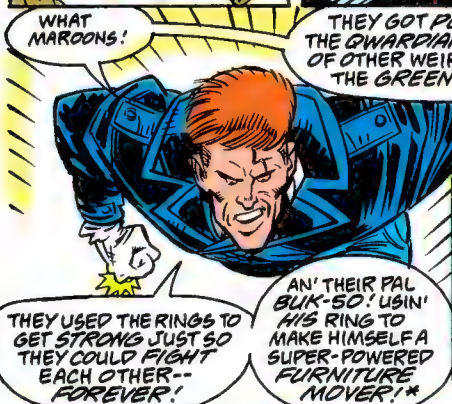
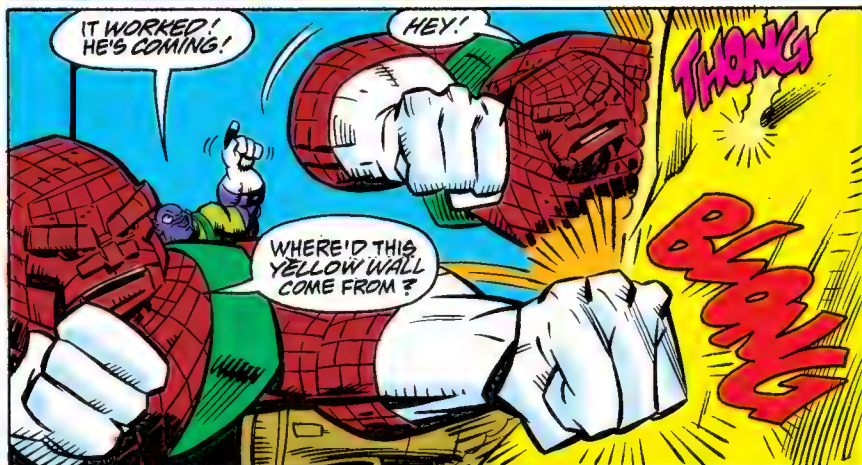
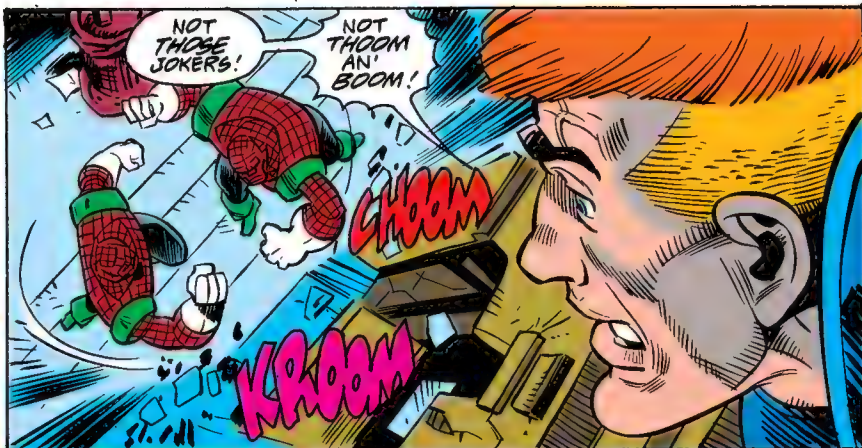


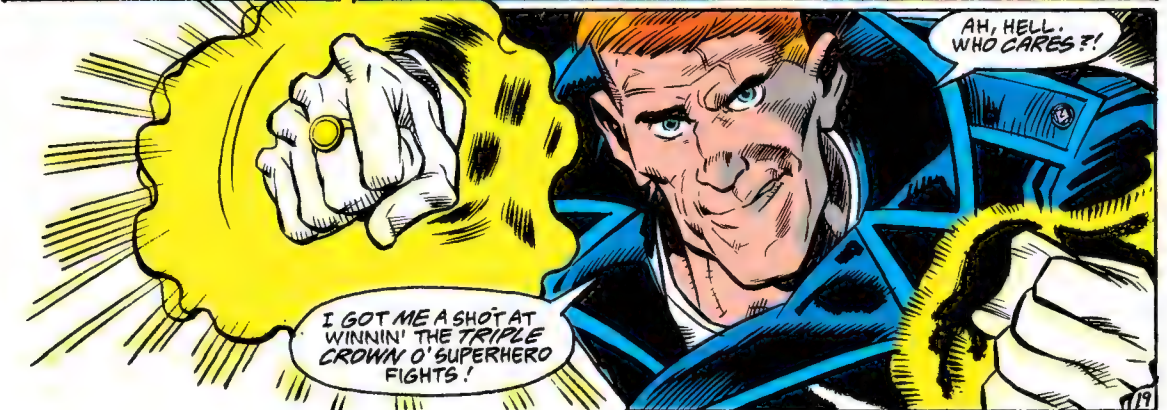
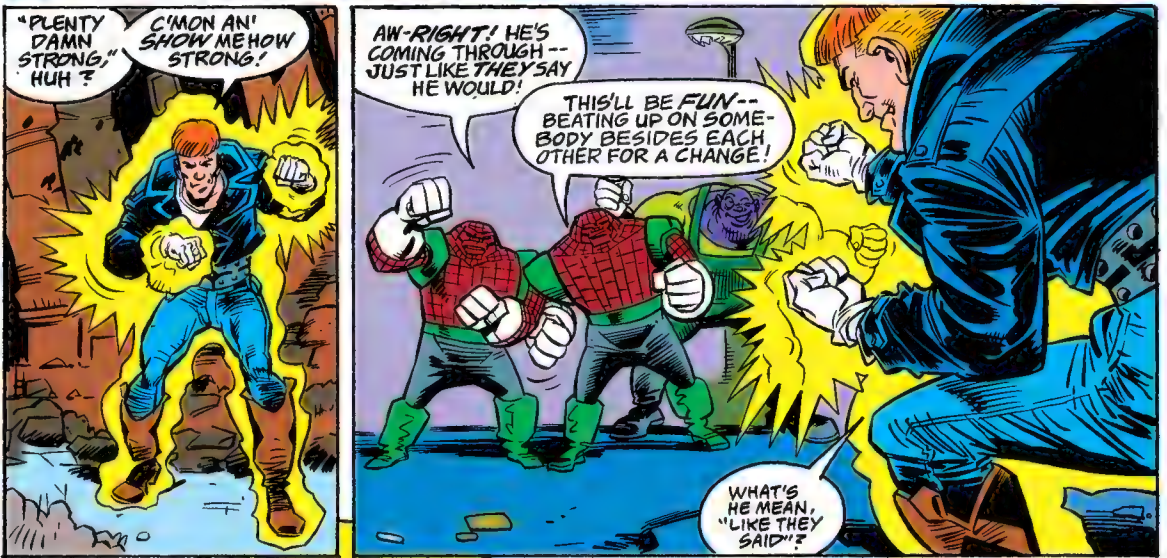
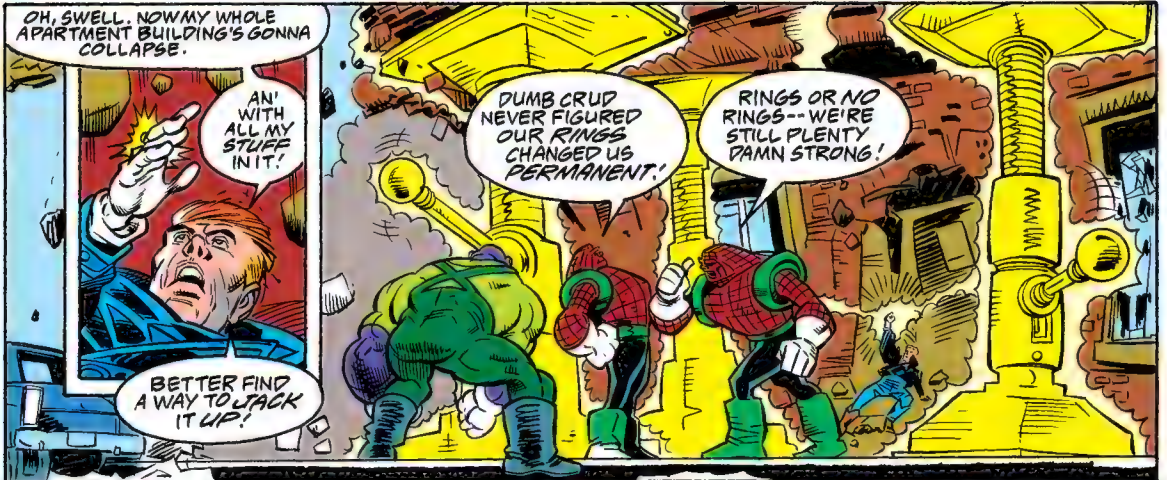
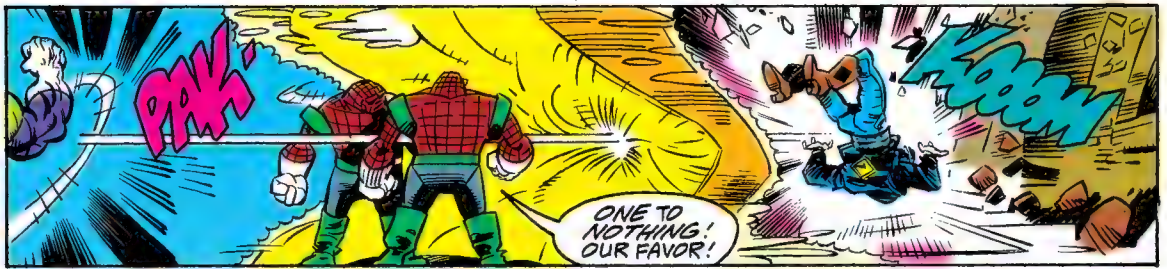
GOOD. LET'S HOPE MY BOSSES DO, TOO.

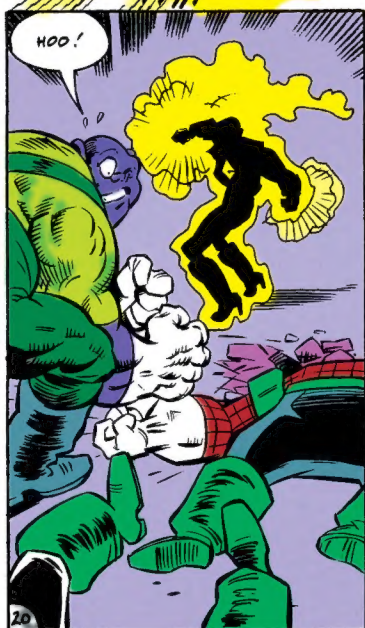
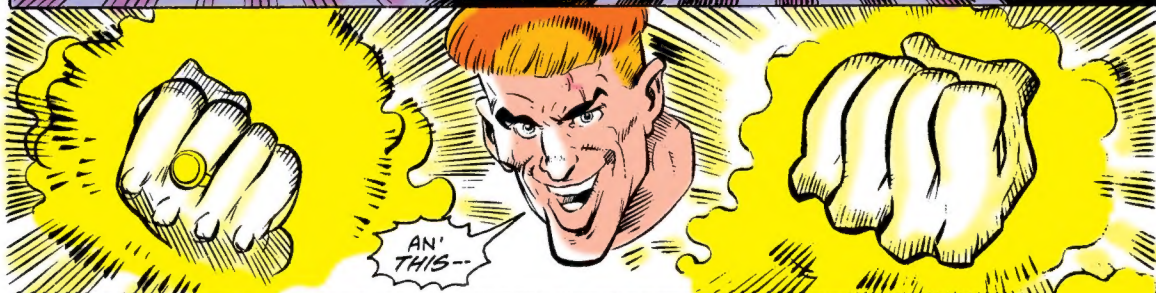
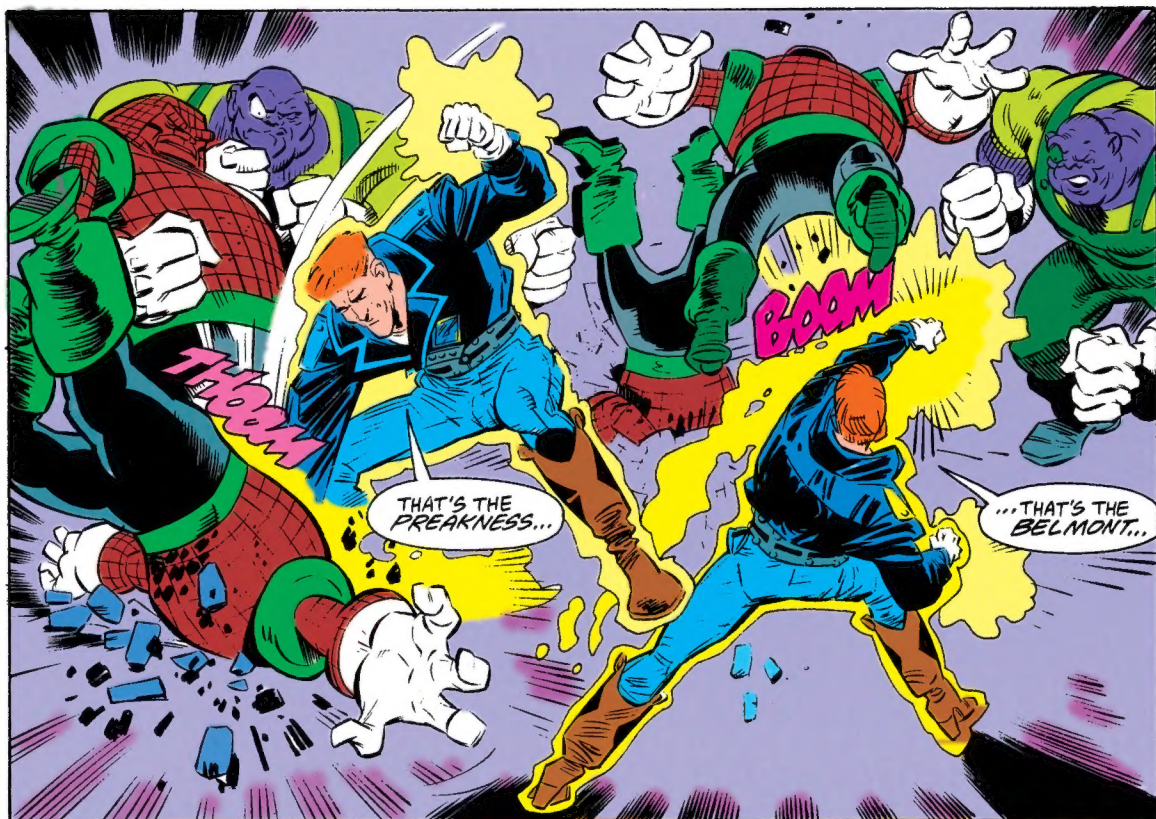


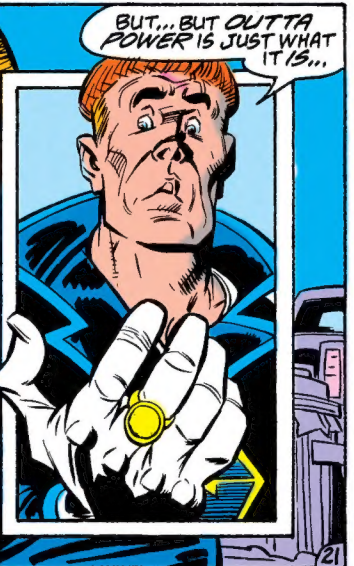
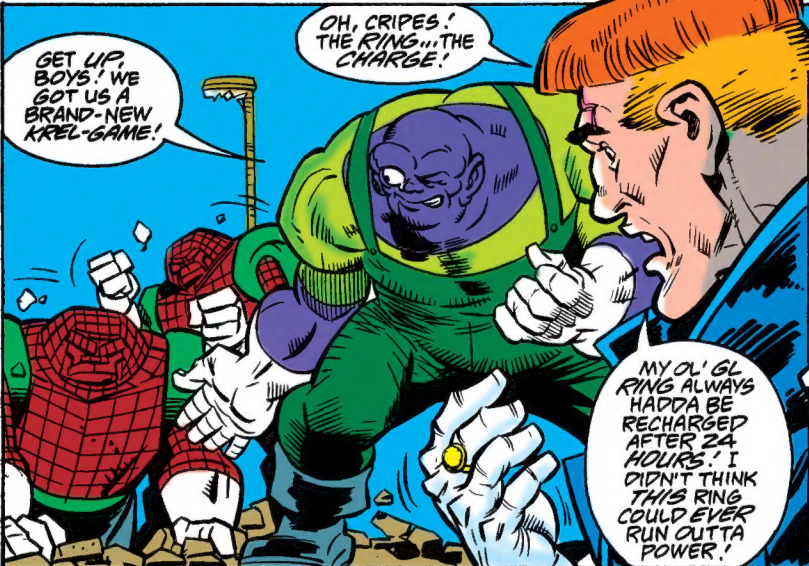
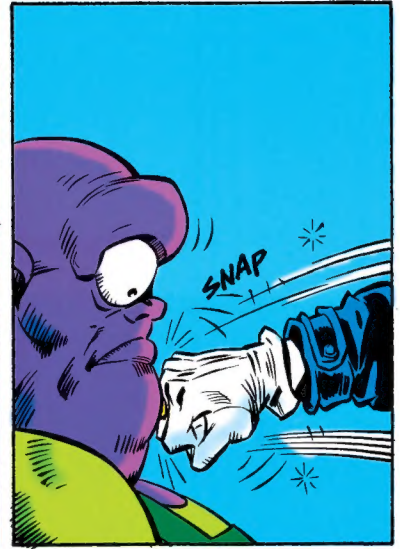








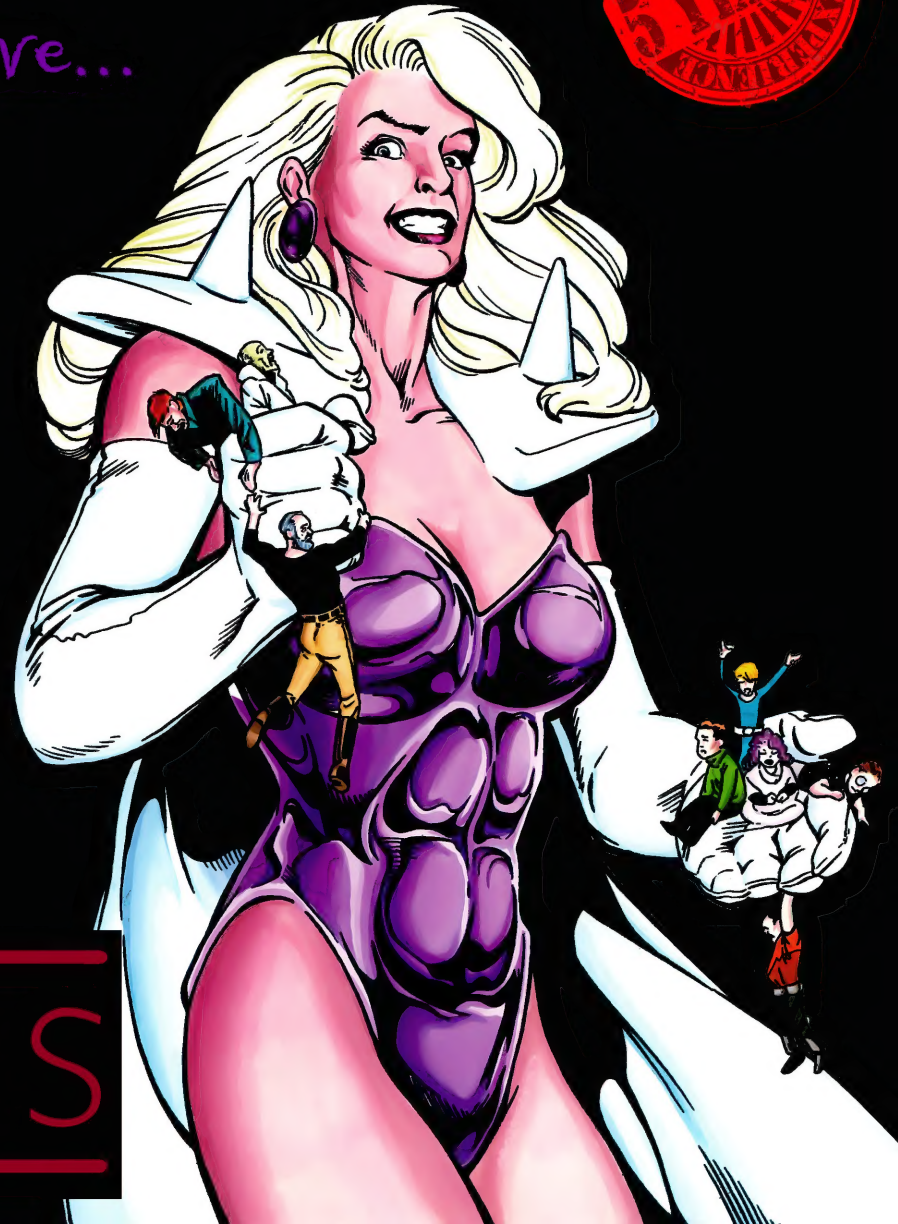






NEXT: PULVERIZED!

From Baaldur, with love...



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